*[English]*

**Imports of Fertilizers**

481. SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have declared that Indian Agriculture could not afford to rely on large scale fertilizer imports;

(b) if so, whether in 1995-96, country produced 15 million tonnes of urea and imported 3.8 million tonnes, to bridge the demand and supply gap;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to improve the domestic production of fertilizers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) The policy frame of the fertiliser sector aims at maximising the indigenous production winth the constpaints of availability of fertiliser raw materials and feedstocks.

In 1995-96, the domestic production of urea was 15,819 million tonnes and the imports amounted to 3.782 million tonnes.

The production plan for the year 1997-98 proposed for the fertiliser industry targets a 12% growth in nitrogen nutrient and 12.4% in phosphate nutrient over the estimated production in 1996-97.

**Burmese Refugees**

482. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 12 Burmese refugees students were handed over to the Burmese military authorities by the Indian Government in August 1996;

(b) whether the students were granted refugee status by the UNCHR in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the reasons for handling over these student to the Burmese authorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained.

*[Translation]*

**Cases of water and air pollution**

483. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the decisions in more than fifty per cent cases regarding water and air pollution have gone against the Pollution Control Board during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any review in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) As per statistical information provided by the Central Pollution Control Boards, out of 6565 cases filed by the State Pollution Control Boards in different courts, 1313 cases have been decided against the Pollution Control Boards and thus only twenty percent cases have gone against the Boards.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

**Open Sale of Wheat**

484. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has sold wheat at concessional rates to some private companies for further sale/exports during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the quantity the rate at which the wheat was sold and the names of the buyer companies ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. FCI sells wheat to all including wholesalers, retailers, Roller Flour Mills, Chakki owners, Co-operatives, Super Bazar, State Civil Supplies Corporations, private buyers etc. at the prices fixed under open market sale scheme.

*[English]*

**Forest Conservation Act, 1980**

485. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENTS AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 applies to the State of Nagaland as a whole without deviation or exceptions; and

(b) if not, the extent of deviation in its application and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROG. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shortage of Urea in Andhra Pradesh**

486. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the shortage of fertilizers for Andhra Pradesh has been brought to the notice of the Government recently;

(b) if so, action taken to release more tonnes of urea to the State for the second crop;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government for giving permission to the Nagarjuna Fertilisers to release 10,000 tonnes of urea to the Coromondel Fertilizers in the state;

(d) whether the State Government has urged the centre that the state was facing acute shortage of fertilisers and needed 50,000 tones of fertiliser for the second crop during January, 1997;

(e) if so, the total shortage of Urea calculated in the state of Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) the extent the Government have instructed to the concerned authorities for releasing more urea for the state of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (f) Urea is the only fertilizer under price, movement and distribution controls. No shortage of urea has been reported by the State so far during Rabi, 1996-97. The availability of urea against ECA allocation and sales (upto 31.1.1997) has been as under :-

(figures in lakh tonnes)
(upto 31.1.97)

*Rabi '96-97*

| ECA allocation | Availability | Sales |
|---|---|---|
| 11.20 | 8.90 | 6.91 |

The availability was adequate to support the sales.

A request for release of 10,000 MTs of urea in favour of M/s Coromondel Fetilizers Ltd. was received from Ministry of Commerce. The offer for release of stock from M/s Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., however, has not been accepted by M/s Coromondel Fertilizers Ltd.

*[Translation]*

**Bodyguards to Public Representatives**

487. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bodyguards provided to the public representatives and other Government officials in Uttar Pradesh till date;

(b) whether some of them are provided more than one bodyguards provided in addition to one; and

(c) if so, the number thereof and the reasons therefore;

(d) whether Government are considering to withdraw the bodyguards provided in addition to one; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects under Constitution of India. Therefore, the responsibility for providing security to the persons residing within their jurisdiction is that of the concerned State/UT. Since this question relates to the security of persons in U.P., no such information is available with MHA or maintained.

*[English]*

**Central Contribution for Marine Fishermen**

488. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the contribution from the Union Government towards the saving-cum-Relief-Scheme for marine fishermen has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reason thereof;

(c) whether the Government would review the decision and revoke the contribution towards the scheme retrospectively;

(d) whether the Government would consider to extend and benefit of scheme to the inland fishermen and fisherwomen also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply at (a).

(d) and (e) The saving-cum-Relief component of the National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme, which was introduced in 1991-92, is, at present, applicable only to marine fishermen. Modifications can be considered only when the proposals for the IXth five year plan are formulated.

**Committee on Freedom Fighters**

489. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has announced in October'96 to set up a Committee to go into the difficulties being faced by the freedom fighters in the country;

(b) whether the committee has since been constituted;

(c) if so, the details of the members of the committee alongwith its terms of reference; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?